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ENGAGEMENT

MEDICAL LEADERSHIP FORUM At the start of this month, the Engagement Working Group collected feedback on the Medical Leadership Forum (largely positive, particularly about doing a regional event) and shared this with other NZMSA Executive members. We also highlighted the success of the event to our sponsors.

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM Engagement mahi is now shifting to the Student Research Forum in late July, in collaboration with New Zealand Medical Student Journal. This is a one-day event which will take place in Tāmaki Makaurau and showcase research by medical students in honours, internship and other research projects. We have now opened applications and look forward to a great selection of applicants vying for our prizes!

TE ORANGA – NZMSA HUI The Vice President Engagement, Jake, helped to organise a hui between NZMSA and Te Oranga in Wellington this month, funded by the Council of Medical Colleges. We discussed a range of issues facing tauira Māori and will be releasing a report on our findings to the Council of Medical Colleges.

NZMSA CONFERENCE We are also looking forward to supporting the Conference team at Ignite in Wellington in June, and planning regional engagement events shortly afterwards.

WORKFORCE

GUIDE TO GRADUATION This is currently taking a backseat for other initiatives. The second edition will be out in September 2024, with the Workforce Working Group to begin production in July 2024.

TRAINEE INTERN ROLE EXPECTATIONS VS HOUSE OFFICER DOCUMENT There have been slight delays, however, we have now successfully received input from students from both the University of Otago and University of Auckland. Currently changes are being finalised and drafted to be made available to present to the Steering Committee in early June.

TI CONCERNS FORM There has been no meaningful additional uptake throughout all RDA strikes. As a result, this initiative will be taking a back-seat as this does not seem to be a significant issue for our students.

BEYOND THE MED SCHOOL GATES The dates have been confirmed! July 17th – 18th from 7pm – 9pm (times are an approximate). Emails to be sent out to relevant speakers and stakeholders throughout June. The Vice President Workforce is to send majority of the emails, however, individual working group members also expected to help with organisation of the event.

The Workforce Working Group availability is very limited for this mahi, as such, we will likely reach out to wider Executive for help on this initiative, who are also expected to attend the webinar, and promote it on class pages/group chats. Social media drive is to begin in early July for 2 weeks leading up to the webinar.

ADVOCACY

PARENTS IN MEDICINE The Advocacy Working Group is currently compiling a comprehensive report with statistics and recommendations from our 2023 and 2024 surveys. This report will be used to inform NZMSA, the Regional Medical Student Associations, and our Universities on how to better support our student parents in medical school, while also shaping our long-term advocacy in this area.

NATIONAL SURVEY The National Survey is currently sitting at 225 responses. The survey will be open till 22nd of June.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP The Advocacy Working Group has been working on addressing the issues surrounding financial hardship for students. One of our objectives has been to advocate for a free lunch programme for our clinical students on placement. Our letter for this has been written up and will be presented to Te Whatu Ora.

RURAL MEDICINE The Advocacy Working Group is writing up a document highlighting the barriers surrounding rural medicine and how these look across the different campuses.

GP24 CONFERENCE The Vice President Workforce, Andrew, and Vice President Advocacy, Divyashri, will be speaking at GP24: The Conference for General Practice, this year in July, on "Diagnosis and potential management of student (dis) interest in general practice."

UPCOMING DATES

- **6 June 2024** – NZMSA Executive Meeting
- **13 June 2024** – NZMSA Steering Committee Meeting
- **14 to 16 June 2024** – NZMSA IGNITE Conference
- **27 June 2024** – NZMSA Executive Meeting